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SUBJ: SOVIET PROTESTS ON GENSCHER AND FEDERAL PROSECUTOR IN PRESS

REFS: A) USBERLIN 247; B) USBERLIN 350

1. SOVIET PROTESTS ABOUT FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER
ACCOMPANYING VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE AND FRENCH FOREIGN
MINISTER GUIRINGAUD TO BERLIN (REF A) AND THE LATEST
SOVIET PROTEST ABOUT FRG INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROSECUTION
OF THE LORENZ KIDNAPPERS (REF B) HAVE BEEN REPORTED
ALBEIT IN GARBLED FASHION IN THE BERLIN PRESS.
ON FEBRUARY 3 THE BERLIN MORGENPOST REPORTED THAT SOVIET
POLITICAL COUNSELLOR KHOTULEV HAD PROTESTED THE PRESENCE
OF GENSCHER IN BERLIN TO THE US MISSION, THAT HE HAD
ALSO PROTESTED THE PARTICIPATION OF FEDERAL PROSECUTOR
BUBACK IN THE PROSECUTION OF THE LORENZ KIDNAPPERS
AND THAT THE DDR HAD DEMANDED AN INCREASE IN TARIFFS
OVER ALLIED TRAINS TRANSITING TO BERLIN ACROSS
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THE GDR (SEPTTEL). ON FOLLOWING DAY, A TAGESSPIEGEL
ARTICLE DATED LONDON AND BERLIN BRIEFLY REPORTED
FACT OF PROTESTS AND REPORTED OFFICIAL BRITISH
SOURCES TO THE EFFECT THAT THEY COULD SEE NO BASIS
FOR THE SOVIET PROTEST ABOUT GENSCHER. TAGESSPIEGEL
FURTHER QUOTED BRITISH GOVERNMENT CIRCLES TO THE EFFECT
THAT THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR REPRE-

SENTING WEST BERLIN IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS SO THAT IT WAS COMPLETELY NATURAL FOR GENSCHER TO ACCOMPANY MONDALE TO BERLIN.

2. BERLIN CDU CHAIRMAN PETER LORENZ CHARACTERIZED THE SOVIET PROTEST AS A "FURTHER MASSIVE EFFORT BY THE EAST TO SEPARATE WEST BERLIN FROM THE FRG BY ITS FAILURE TO SEPARATE WEST BERLIN FROM THE FRG BY ITS FAILURE TO RESPECT THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT."

3. ALLIED PRESS SPOKESMAN (US) IN BERLIN HAS CONTINUED TO REFUSE TO CONFIRM INFORMATION ABOUT SOVIET PROTESTS AND IS FOLLOWING THE LINE THAT THE ALLIED MISSIONS WILL NOT COMMENT ON DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

4. COMMENTING ON THE PRESS LEAK FEBRUARY 4 SENAT CHANCELLERY CHIEF HERZ MIDLY CHIDED MISSION OFFICER THAT SENAT HAD FIRST LEARNED OF PROTEST THROUGH PRESS REPORTS, BUT THEN ADDED WITH A SMILE THAT AT LEAST THIS TIME NO ONE COULD ACCUSE THE SENAT OF BEING THE SOURCE OF THE STORIES. GEORGE

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